

## House Resolution No. 4314

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have brought glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their lifelong endeavors; and

**Whereas**, Walter Barton Dixon was born on October 8, 1928, into the family of Donny and Blanche Dixon and subsequently applied himself to studies which led to his graduation from high school and attendance in college; and

**Whereas**, in October 1944, young Walter Dixon joined the United States Army to participate in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam before his retirement at the rank of First Sergeant in 1970 with five Commendation Medals, seven Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars with "V" attachments, one Distinguished Service Medal, three Combat Infantry Badges, and the experience of being a Prisoner of War from May 18, 1951, to September 5, 1953; and

**Whereas**, mistakenly declared dead after his capture during the Korean conflict, Walter Dixon returned to the United States to find his first wife remarried, an event which led to his February 22, 1955, marriage to Aldine "Dee" Dixon and the subsequent births of three children, Richard, Russell, and Randi; twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, on the eve of his Seventy-fifth Birthday, Walter Dixon continues to maintain the positive outlook for which he has been known down through the years; and

**Whereas**, Walter Dixon has filled the golden years of retirement with many wonderful family- and community-oriented activities, including the creative endeavors associated with writing poetry which is focused on the topics of military veterans and patriotism:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the arrival of the Seventy-fifth Birthday of Walter Dixon, to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his patriotic military service during World War II and the armed conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, and to express our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Walter Barton Dixon.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bill Ransdall  
District No. 148

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4314, adopted October 2, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker